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# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## TOWN OFFICERS OF MEDFIELD

For the Year ending January 31, 1899



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BOSTON  
GEORGE H. ELLIS, 272 CONGRESS STREET  
1899



## A REPORT OF THE MEDFIELD BRANCH OF THE MASSACHUSETTS VOLUNTEER AID ASSOCIATION.

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In the latter part of June, 1898, a circular was sent out by the Massachusetts Volunteer Aid Association, informing the citizens of this State that the Association had decided to purchase a steamship, and fit it out as a floating hospital to be used in relief of the sick and wounded soldiers of our army in the West Indies. Some of the people of Medfield had already become warmly interested in the work of the Red Cross; and, with the hope of organizing a town movement to aid in this great philanthropy, two preliminary meetings had been held in the vestry of the Unitarian Church. These were soon followed by another meeting in the vestry of the Second Congregational Church. At this third meeting an organization was formed, with Mr. Willard Harwood for President, Mrs. J. A. Savage for Secretary, and Mrs. L. M. Pierce as Treasurer. In a few days these three officers issued a call for a public meeting to be held in the rooms of the Medfield Historical Society on the evening of Friday, July 8, 1898. At this gathering, which was well attended, much interest was shown; and the work of organizing was promptly and effectually completed. A Finance Committee was chosen, collectors were appointed, and a large committee of women was elected to purchase material and make hospital garments, and to procure and forward other necessities for the sick and wounded soldiers. It was also voted that the Medfield organization should be a local branch of the Massa-

chusetts Volunteer Aid Association, and do all its work in alliance with the State organization. At the close of the meeting generous subscriptions were received from many present, and it was felt that the good work had been well commenced. During the next few weeks the collectors and Finance Committee were very active in the procuring of contributions, while the women's committee was busy making and sending hospital garments. In due time the sum of \$392.45 had been collected and placed in the hands of Mrs. Pierce, the Treasurer, whose report is herewith submitted, and is as follows:—

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

MRS. L. M. PIERCE, *Treasurer*, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE MEDFIELD BRANCH  
OF THE MASSACHUSETTS VOLUNTEER AID ASSOCIATION.

*From July 8, 1898, to Jan. 1, 1899.*

#### *Dr.*

Cash received at the first regular meeting, July 8, 1898, . . . . .	\$137.00
Donations from individuals from July 9 to August 6, . . . . .	26.00
Cash from individuals at the Medfield Asylum, . . . . .	30.00
Cash from collectors at Medfield Asylum, . . . . .	51.00
Cash from collectors in Medfield, . . . . .	148.45
	<u>\$392.45</u>

#### *Cr.*

By cash sent July 8 to the Massachusetts Volunteer Aid Association, . . . . .	\$137.00
For collectors' books, . . . . .	.60
For material for garments for soldiers, . . . . .	60.30
For material for garments, . . . . .	1.06
For postage, . . . . .	.04
Sent August 13 to the Massachusetts Volunteer Aid Association, . . . . .	120.00
Sent October 25 to the Massachusetts Volunteer Aid Association, . . . . .	70.00
Balance in treasury Jan. 1, 1899, . . . . .	3.45
	<u>\$392.45</u>

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. L. M. PIERCE, *Treasurer*.

The above amount does not include all that was contributed by the citizens of Medfield to this philanthropic work. Several of our citizens paid generous contributions directly to the Treasurer of the State Association in Boston, and so the Treasurer of the Medfield branch is unable to report the whole sum contributed by this town; but it is safe to say that it was not less than \$500. The small balance of \$3.45 remaining in the hands of the Treasurer at the time of her report has since been paid to the Finance Committee, and used by that committee in paying for the printing of this full report, which is now and hereby respectfully submitted.

MRS. J. A. SAVAGE,

*Secretary.*



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## TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1898.

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### *Town Clerk.*

STILLMAN J. SPEAR.

### *Selectmen and Board of Health.*

BENJAMIN F. SHUMWAY.

WILLIAM F. GUILD.

HERBERT W. WIGHT.

### *Assessors.*

WILLIAM F. GUILD.

FRANCIS D. HAMANT.

ALONZO B. PARKER.

### *Treasurer.*

RALPH A. BATTELLE.

### *Collector.*

JOSEPH W. CURTIS.

### *School Committee.*

ALBERT A. LOVELL,	. . . . .	Term expires 1899
P. HENRY LEAHY,	. . . . .	" " 1900
GEORGE WASHBURN,	. . . . .	" " 1901

### *Overseers of the Poor.*

GEORGE W. KINGSBURY.

M. H. BLOOD.

HERBERT W. HUTSON.

### *Trustees of Funds.*

HAMLET WIGHT.

WILLIAM H. BAILEY.

CLINTON T. FROST.

### *Trustees of Public Library.*

ISAAC B. CODDING,	. . . . .	Term expires 1899
GEORGE H. SMITH,	. . . . .	" " 1899
WILLARD HARWOOD,	. . . . .	" " 1900
STILLMAN J. SPEAR,	. . . . .	" " 1900
WILLIAM H. BAILEY,	. . . . .	" " 1901
BRACEY CURTIS,	. . . . .	" " 1901

### *Constables.*

M. H. BLOOD.

SAMUEL E. MITCHELL.

DAVID MEANY.

HERBERT W. HUTSON.



*Cemetery Committee.*

WILLARD HARWOOD.

ALONZO B. PARKER.

JEREMIAH B. HALE.

*Sexton.*

ALONZO B. PARKER.

*Auditor.*

THOMAS E. SCHOOLS, appointed.

*Pound Keeper.*

GEORGE D. HAMANT.

*Field Drivers.*

P. HENRY LEAHY.

ALBERT A. LOVELL.

JOSEPH E. LONERGAN.

*Fence Viewers.*

ISAAC B. CODDING.

GEORGE W. KINGSBURY.

FRANCIS D. HAMANT.

## APPOINTMENTS BY SELECTMEN.

*Engineers of Fire Department.*

M. H. BLOOD.

H. W. HUTSON.

S. E. MITCHELL.

*Weigher and Sealer of Weights and Measures.*

ISAAC B. CODDING.

*Measurer of Wood and Bark.*

JAMES ORD.

*Registrars of Voters.*

WILLIAM F. ABELL, . . . . . Term expires 1899

NATHAN F. HARDING, . . . . . " " 1900

LEWIS A. CUTLER, . . . . . " " 1901

STILLMAN J. SPEAR, *ex officio*.*Superintendent of Streets.*

CLINTON T. FROST, resigned Oct. 11, 1898.

GEORGE W. KINGSBURY, appointed Oct. 11, 1898.

*Inspector of Animals and Provisions.*

ALEX. E. WIGHT, M.D.V., resigned.

HERBERT W. HUTSON, to fill vacancy.

*Night Watch and Keeper of Lockup.*

DAVID MEANY.

R. A. BATTELLE, *Treasurer*, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN

DR.

To Cash in Treasury Feb. 1, 1898, . . . . .		\$1,014.77
On Tax of 1894, . . . . .	\$10.02	
On Tax of 1895, . . . . .	136.40	
On Tax of 1896, . . . . .	189.53	
On Tax of 1897, . . . . .	2,045.26	
On Tax of 1898, . . . . .	12,990.65	15,371.86
Corporation Tax, . . . . .	\$1,949.48	
National Bank, . . . . .	506.01	
Military Aid, . . . . .	48.00	
State Aid, . . . . .	204.00	
Burial of Indigent Soldiers, . . . . .	33.00	
Inspection of Cattle and Provisions, . . . . .	25.00	
Income of State School Fund, . . . . .	255.55	
Interest on Town School Fund, . . . . .	165.61	
Borrowed Money, . . . . .	5,000.00	8,186.65
Dog Tax, . . . . .	\$249.04	
Rent of Post-office Room, . . . . .	180.00	
Rent of Town Hall, . . . . .	166.00	
Aid for D. West Family, . . . . .	21.40	
Aid for Mrs. Herbert Parker, . . . . .	64.00	680.44
Milk from Town Farm, . . . . .	\$939.75	
Sundry Sales from Town Farm, . . . . .	179.10	
Fines, . . . . .	5.00	
Licenses, . . . . .	11.50	
City of Boston for Mary Denny, . . . . .	38.00	
Boarder at Almshouse, . . . . .	4.00	
Ginn & Co., Error in Account, . . . . .	.20	
N. T. Dyer, on Account of R. Briscoe, . . . . .	200.00	
Interest on Bank Deposit, . . . . .	42.98	1,420.53
		<u>\$26,674.25</u>

## OF MEDFIELD FOR THE YEAR ENDING JAN. 31, 1899.

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By Cash paid for Teaching Schools,	\$3,807.05	
Care, Fuel, and Supplies,	1,381.87	
Repairs on School-houses,	347.38	
Notes and Interest,	6,761.23	
Town House Expenses,	246.08	
Board of Health,	116.24	
Public Library,	304.19	
Removing Snow,	1,237.75	\$14,201.79
Fire Department,	\$1,203.63	
Sidewalks,	208.10	
Cemetery,	443.00	
Memorial Day,	50.00	
Outside Poor,	555.54	
Insane and Feeble-minded,	723.33	
Town Farm,	2,063.94	
Insurance,	115.50	5,453.04
Bridges,	\$16.34	
Sewer,	60.77	
Highways,	1,337.12	
State Aid,	160.00	
Soldiers' Relief,	180.00	
Burial of Soldier's Widow,	35.00	
General Expenses,	365.25	
Town Officers,	1,574.96	
State Tax,	795.00	
County Tax,	1,183.04	
Millis Tax,	7.88	
Walpole Tax,	2.09	5,717.45
		\$25,372.28
Cash in Treasury,		1,301.97
		\$26,674.25

Examined and found correct.

T. E. SCHOOLS, Auditor.

## EXPENDITURES.

## TEACHING SCHOOLS.

Paid Walter L. Van Kleeck, . . . . .	\$952.00	
Carrie A. Smith, . . . . .	413.00	
Jeannette E. King, . . . . .	349.55	
Ida P. Brigham, . . . . .	413.00	
Susan M. Chase, . . . . .	413.00	
Mary B. A. Dunn, . . . . .	413.00	
Wilma E. Bowden, . . . . .	413.00	
Isabel D. Bailey, . . . . .	180.00	
Rosa S. Allen, . . . . .	40.00	
Mabel F. Belcher, . . . . .	172.10	
Henrietta E. Pike, . . . . .	48.40	
		\$3,807.05
Appropriation, . . . . .	\$3,500.00	
Income from State School Fund, . . . . .	255.55	
Interest on Town School Fund, . . . . .	165.61	3,921.16
Balance unexpended, . . . . .		\$114.11

## REPAIRS ON SCHOOL-HOUSES.

Paid Garfield Brothers, repairs Centre School-house,	\$2.22	
George W. Kingsbury, gravel at Centre School-house, . . . . .	6.25	
N. F. Harding, repairs at Centre School-house, . . . . .	22.11	
N. F. Harding, repairs at North School-house, . . . . .	2.00	
N. F. Harding, repairs at South School-house, . . . . .	29.07	
Boston Lightning Rod Co., Centre School-house, rod and repairing, . . . . .	45.00	
J. H. Pember, repairs at Centre School-house, . . . . .	1.00	
T. P. Simpson, stock and labor, Centre School-house, . . . . .	16.30	
W. W. Preston, repairs at Centre School-house, . . . . .	13.55	
F. M. Ballou & Co., concreting, . . . . .	85.80	
E. L. Edgecomb, repairing clock, Centre School-house, . . . . .	1.25	
<i>Carried forward, . . . . .</i>		\$224.55

<i>Brought forward,</i>	\$224.55
Paid T. L. Donlan, repairs at South School-house,	3.60
A. N. Clark, shingles for South School-house,	47.25
Henry McElwin, repairing blackboards,	52.48
Crosby Steam Gauge Company, repairs at Centre School-house,	1.50
Lowell Babcock's Son, repairs at Centre School-house,	12.00
Lowell Babcock's Son, repairs at North School-house,	4.50
L. P. Chadsey, repairing clock at North School-house,	1.50
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	\$347.38

No appropriation.

#### CARE, FUEL, AND SUPPLIES.

Paid James E. Pettis, care of Centre School-house,	\$458.50
James E. Pettis, repairing desk,	.30
James E. Pettis, setting trees,	1.00
James E. Pettis, supplies,	3.82
James E. Pettis, washing towels,	10.15
George D. Hamant, wood, South School,	21.25
Perry, Mason & Co., flags,	21.50
Silver, Burdette & Co., supplies,	10.25
American Book Company, supplies,	159.40
Ginn & Co., supplies,	8.67
Houghton, Mifflin & Co., supplies,	36.21
George S. Perry & Co., supplies,	25.56
W. L. Van Kleeck, supplies,	9.73
D. C. Heath & Co., supplies,	9.49
J. L. Hammett Company, supplies,	55.37
George R. Chase, journey to Boston, expenses,	1.63
Edwin LeCain, care of North School-house,	9.00
Mary E. Cutler, 8 maple-trees,	9.50
George P. Brown, samples,	2.00
Clinton D. Ames, care of North School-house,	15.00
George W. Kingsbury, wood for Centre School,	12.00
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<i>Carried forward,</i>	\$880.33

<i>Brought forward,</i>	\$880.33
Paid James Ord, supplies for Centre School,	1.65
E. M. Bent, lime and wood for Centre School,	6.75
William Ryan, bicycle holders, Centre School,	5.60
Fairbanks Orchestra, music for graduation exercises,	17.00
Thompson, Brown & Co., supplies,	50.26
George Washburn, postage,	1.28
George Washburn, expense to Boston,	1.18
George Washburn, supplies,	5.59
Harper Brothers, supplies,	6.80
Carrie A. Smith, expense of teachers' meeting.	
August 4,	1.19
George F. King, supplies,	2.10
S. J. Spear, programmes for graduation exercises,	12.00
Boston School Supply Company, supplies,	1.05
Leach, Shewell & Co., supplies,	9.37
J. E. Lonergan, coal for Centre School,	316.80
Directors of the Old South Work, supplies,	.25
J. B. Lippincott, supplies,	3.00
Mark Woodbine, cleaning North School-house,	5.25
Charles F. Read, freight and express,	10.33
Walter D. Kingsbury, care of South School-house,	29.25
Walter D. Kingsbury, cleaning of South School-house,	1.65
Walter D. Kingsbury, care of lawn and storm doors,	3.40
J. A. Fitts, supplies,	2.89
A. A. Lovell, car-fare, postage, and mending flag,	4.46
Codding & Schools, supplies for North School.	1.24
Educational Publishing Company, supplies,	1.20
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	\$1,381.87
Appropriation.	1,500 00
Unexpended,	<hr/> \$118.13 <hr/>

## PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Paid N. F. Harding, repairs, stock, and labor, . . . . .	\$7.54	
S. J. Spear, printing, . . . . .	10.75	
S. J. Spear, removing shelves, . . . . .	1.25	
Miss L. M. Johnson, librarian, . . . . .	100.00	
E. M. Bent, for wood, . . . . .	.50	
H. L. Mitchell, magazines, . . . . .	30.20	
Little, Brown & Co., supplies, . . . . .	10.00	
George E. Pettis, janitor, . . . . .	50.00	
J. A. Fitts, supplies, . . . . .	.93	
C. F. Read, express, . . . . .	1.71	
De Wolfe, Fiske & Co., books, . . . . .	91.31	
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		\$304.19
Appropriation, . . . . .	\$100.00	
Dog tax, . . . . .	249.04	
Interest on funds, . . . . .	75.00	
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		424.04
Unexpended, . . . . .		<hr/>
		\$119.85
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## TOWN HOUSE EXPENSES.

Paid Coddling & Schools, kerosene oil, . . . . .	\$15.18	
N. F. Harding, repairs in hall, . . . . .	3.25	
N. F. Harding, repairs in post-office, . . . . .	2.75	
J. H. Pember, 3 keys, . . . . .	.75	
W. W. Preston, repairs, . . . . .	7.77	
E. L. Edgecomb, repairing clock, . . . . .	.75	
Blood Brothers, coal for lockup, . . . . .	1.30	
George W. Kingsbury, wood, . . . . .	11.50	
Lowell Babcock's Son, repairs, . . . . .	11.66	
J. A. Fitts, supplies, . . . . .	21.67	
Geo. E. Pettis, care of town building one year, . . . . .	150.00	
E. M. Bent, coal, . . . . .	19.50	
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		\$246.08
Received for rents, . . . . .		<hr/>
		346.00
Balance, . . . . .		<hr/>
		\$99.92
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## BOARD OF HEALTH.

Paid Waltham Hospital, for board of Mary Denny, case of scarlet fever, . . . . .	\$81.43
Newton Hospital, for board and treatment of Charles A. Cook, case of diphtheria, . . .	23.56
Nathan Grant, for team to Newton Hospital, . .	5.00
C. A. Thompson, for fumigating Howe House, .	5.00
E. J. Keyou, disinfectants at Howe House, . .	1.25
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	\$116.24

## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid T. F. Hanley, Clerk of Hook and Ladder Com- pany, services of 20 men, . . . . .	\$328.78
S. V. Crooker, Clerk of Engine Company, . . .	588.75
Geo. W. Gamble, care of hook and ladder room, .	17.00
Alfred A. Blake, care of engine-room, . . . .	18.20
M. H. Blood, cash paid, watching Lonergan fire, .	2.73
Wm. J. Cox, teams to Lonergan fire, . . . . .	10.00
Wm. J. Cox, hotel fire, . . . . .	5.00
Wm. J. Cox, Weiker's fire, . . . . .	10.00
Wm. J. Cox, John Mason's fire, . . . . .	10.00
Wm. J. Cox, Hamlet Wight's fire, . . . . .	10.00
Wm. J. Cox, church fire, . . . . .	10.00
Wm. J. Cox, drawing truck to shop and return, .	1.50
C. W. Spaulding, repairs on engine, . . . . .	2.80
C. W. Spaulding, repairs on engine-room, . . .	1.10
T. P. Simpson, painting, . . . . .	16.50
Dennis Cummings, whitewashing, . . . . .	7.00
James Ord, 3½ dozen chairs, . . . . .	14.40
James Ord, 7 lbs. zinc, . . . . .	.63
James Ord, window shades, . . . . .	5.00
E. M. Bent, coal, wood, and lime, . . . . .	2.85
E. M. Bent, wood for hook and ladder room, .	.50
W. W. Preston, repairs, . . . . .	2.98
F. M. Ballou & Co., concreting, . . . . .	15.00
J. J. Cunningham, 6 pairs rubber boots, . . . .	22.50
Repairs, . . . . .	1.20
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<i>Carried forward, . . . . .</i>	\$1,104.42



<i>Brought forward,</i>	\$1,104.42
Paid R. W. Baker, repairs on hook and ladder truck,	19.91
Blood Brothers, repairs on engine,	1.40
Miller Collins, watching fire at John Mason's,	2.00
Arthur Le Barron, services as engineman,	13.50
J. J. Kelley, repairs,	4.15
J. A. Fitts, supplies,	2.25
E. J. Keyou, supplies,	3.00
F. M. Smith, lettering boots,	1.00
Painting hook and ladder truck,	2.50
Walpole Fire Department, services at hotel fire,	49.50
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	\$1,203.63
Appropriation,	1,000.00
Appropriation exceeded,	<hr/>
	\$203.63

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid S. J. Spear, services as Town Clerk,	\$75.00
B. F. Shumway, services as Selectman,	100.00
William F. Guild, services as Selectman,	100.00
H. W. Wight, services as Selectman,	100.00
W. F. Guild, services as Assessor,	50.00
F. D. Hamant, services as Assessor,	50.00
A. B. Parker, services as Assessor,	50.00
George W. Kingsbury, services as Overseer of the Poor,	50.00
H. W. Hutson, services as Overseer of the Poor,	40.00
M. H. Blood, services as Overseer of the Poor,	40.00
A. A. Lovell, services as School Committee,	50.00
P. H. Leahy, services as School Committee,	35.00
George Washburn, services as School Com- mittee,	35.00
George Washburn, services as Purchasing Agent,	35.00
T. E. Schools, services as Auditor,	15.00
David Meany, services as Night Watch,	362.00
David Meany, services as Constable, July 4,	2.00
M. H. Blood, services as Constable, July 3, 4,	4.00
<i>Carried forward.</i>	<hr/>
	\$1,193.00

<i>Brought forward,</i>	\$1,193.00
Paid W. H. Cook, services as Police, July 3, 4,	4.00
W. E. Fales, services as Police, July 3, 4,	4.00
H. R. Preston, services as Police, July 3, 4,	4.00
Fred H. Preston, services as Police, July 3, 4,	4.00
B. C. Jordan, services as Police, July 3, 4,	4.00
M. H. Blood, services as Engineer,	25.00
H. W. Hutson, services as Engineer,	25.00
J. M. Dix, services as Engineer,	25.00
R. A. Battelle, services as Treasurer,	100.00
R. A. Battelle, services as Collector of Taxes, 1894, 1895, 1896, and 1897,	23.05
Joseph W. Curtis, Collector of Taxes for 1898,	129.91
S. J. Spear, services as Registrar of Voters, 1897, 1898,	12.00
C. W. Spaulding, Ballot Clerk,	4.00
J. H. Baker, services as Ballot Clerk,	2.00
George G. Babcock, services as Teller,	4.00
J. M. Johnson, services as Teller,	4.00
E. H. Abell, services as Teller,	4.00
T. E. Schools, services as Teller,	4.00
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	\$1,574.96
Appropriation,	1,600.00
Unexpended,	<hr/>
	\$25.04

## GENERAL EXPENSES.

Paid H. M. Parker, postage-stamps for Town Reports,	\$5.00
H. M. Parker, book for Treasurer,	3.25
George H. Ellis, printing Reports,	112.00
George H. Ellis, 200 copies School Committee Report,	5.50
David Meany, Constable's fees in case Charles Dickens,	10.47
David Meany, fees in case of Irving Maker,	3.73
David Meany, fees in case of William Kelley,	3.23
David Meany, fees in case of William Dugan,	5.25
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<i>Carried forward,</i>	\$148.43

<i>Brought forward,</i>	\$148.43
Paid David Meany, care of lockup,	4.00
David Meany, expense to Dedham,	2.00
Emma F. Rhodes, dinners for Election Officers,	11.50
S. J. Spear, printing ballots, notices, etc.,	25.25
S. J. Spear, printing Voting Lists,	7.00
S. J. Spear, recording births, marriages, and deaths,	34.00
S. J. Spear, postage and express,	3.25
S. J. Spear, returning deaths to other towns,	19.25
William F. Guild, books for Town Officers,	3.75
William F. Guild, postage and stationery,	1.50
William F. Abell, ringing fire-bell,	1.25
William F. Abell, care of town clock,	25.00
A. B. Parker, returning 81 deaths,	20.25
George H. Ellis, 2 order books,	6.75
Greenough, Adams & Cushing, ink,	1.50
C. F. Read, express,	4.57
James Hewins, legal advice,	6.00
Alex. E. Wight, Inspector of cattle and provisions,	37.50
Sara H. Berry, copies of list of poll tax payers,	2.00
George W. Kingsbury, postage,	.50
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	\$365.25
Appropriation,	500.00
Unexpended,	<hr/>
	\$134.75

## NOTES AND INTEREST.

Paid Medway Savings Bank, interest,	\$308.66
Medway Savings Bank, notes,	166.66
Medway Savings Bank, money borrowed in anticipation of taxes,	2,000.00
Daisy E. Curtis, interest,	105.00
Trustees of School Fund, interest,	150.61
Mary J. Smith, interest,	50.00
Willard Harwood, note,	500.00
Willard Harwood, interest,	145.84
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<i>Carried forward,</i>	\$3,426.77

<i>Brought forward,</i>		\$3,426.77
Paid Willard Harwood, note borrowed in anticipation of taxes,		1,000.00
Sarah G. Shumway, interest,		50.00
Charles Harwood, interest,		70.00
Hamlet Wight, note borrowed in anticipation of taxes,		2,000.00
Interest on same,		64.46
Willard Harwood, note,		150.00
		<hr/> \$6,761.23
Appropriation, notes due,	\$817.00	
Appropriation for interest,	900.00	
Borrowed in anticipation of taxes,	<u>5,000.00</u>	6,717.00
Appropriation exceeded,		<hr/> \$44.23

## INSURANCE.

Paid A. H. Bartlett, insurance on library,		\$17.50
J. B. Hale, insurance on hearse and road-scraper,		7.00
H. H. Harding, insurance on Centre School-house,		13.00
A. H. Bartlett, insurance on Centre School-house,		52.00
A. H. Bartlett, insurance on weights and measures,		6.00
H. H. Harding, insurance on North School-house,		20.00
		<hr/> \$115.50
Appropriation,		<hr/> 200.00
Unexpended,		<hr/> \$84.50

## INSURANCE POLICIES.

<i>Insurance on Town House.</i>	<i>Expires.</i>	
Home Insurance Co., . . .	Aug. 14, 1900,	\$5,000.00
Hartford Fire Insurance Co.,	July 13, 1900,	10,000.00
Westchester Fire Insurance Co.,	Oct. 4, 1900,	5,000.00
		<hr/> \$20,000.00 <hr/>
<i>Insurance on Centre School-house.</i>		
Worcester Mutual, . . .	Sept. 18, 1901,	\$1,500.00
Dorchester Mutual, . . *	Sept. 21, 1901,	1,000.00
Cambridge Mutual, . . .	Sept. 21, 1901,	2,500.00
Home Insurance Co., . . .	Aug. 25, 1902,	2,500.00
Norfolk Mutual Insurance Co.,	Sept. 1, 1901,	1,300.00
Westchester Fire Insurance Co.,	Oct. 26, 1902,	1,500.00
Merchants & Farmers Mutual,	Oct. 26, 1900,	1,500.00
Hartford Fire Insurance Co.,	Dec. 7, 1902,	2,500.00
		<hr/> \$14,300.00 <hr/>
<i>Insurance on North School-house.</i>		
Norfolk Mutual Insurance Co.,	Oct. 1, 1901,	\$2,000.00
<i>Insurance on South School-house.</i>		
Norfolk Mutual Insurance Co.,	Nov. 1, 1900,	\$1,400.00
<i>Alms-house and Outbuildings.</i>		
Norfolk Mutual Insurance Co.,	June 13, 1900,	\$2,600.00
<i>Furniture and Farm Stock.</i>		
Dedham Mutual Insurance Co.,	Nov. 1, 1900,	\$1,475.00
<i>Weights and Measures.</i>		
Dorchester Mutual Ins. Co., .	Sept. 7, 1901,	\$400.00
<i>Public Library.</i>		
Holyoke Mutual Insurance Co.,	Mar. 15, 1901,	\$1,000.00
Hartford Fire Insurance Co.,	April 26, 1899,	1,500.00
		<hr/> \$2,500.00 <hr/>
<i>Hearse and Road-scraper.</i>		
Home Insurance Co., . . .	Mar. 24, 1899,	\$650.00

## STATE AID.

Paid Marcus Gilmore, . . . . .	\$72.00
Eben G. Babcock, . . . . .	60.00
Caroline A. Adams, . . . . .	24.00
Cyrus W. Vose, . . . . .	4.00
	<u>\$160.00</u>

## SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Paid Mary Mullin, for care of children of Eugene O'Keefe, . . . . .	<u>\$180.00</u>
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## BURIAL OF SOLDIER'S WIDOW.

Paid J. B. Burke, for burial of Catherine Mooney, . . . . .	<u>\$35.00</u>
(Soldier's widow buried, under Chapter 279, Acts of 1896.)	
Poor at Almshouse, . . . . .	<u>\$2,063.94</u>
Outside poor, . . . . .	<u>\$555.54</u>
Insane and feeble-minded, . . . . .	<u>\$723.33</u>

## HIGHWAYS.

Paid C. T. Frost, . . . . .	\$420.39
Reynolds Weiker, cutting stone, . . . . .	1.50
George W. Kingsbury, shovels, . . . . .	6.50
George W. Kingsbury, labor, . . . . .	895.00
C. W. Spaulding, repairing gravel screen, . . . . .	4.00
H. M. Parker, stone fork, . . . . .	1.50
R. W. Baker, cover for catch-basin, . . . . .	1.75
John J. Kelley, repairing picks, . . . . .	2.55
John J. Kelley, repairing snow-plough, . . . . .	2.50
S. B. Ware, notice of wash-out and hanging out light, . . . . .	1.15
N. F. Harding, boards, . . . . .	.28
	<u>\$1,337.12</u>
Appropriation, . . . . .	2,000.00
Unexpended, . . . . .	<u>\$662.88</u>

## SEWER ACCOUNT.

Paid C. T. Frost, for labor as per report, . . . . .	\$59.27
H. M. Parker, grate, . . . . .	1.50
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	\$60.77
Appropriation, . . . . .	50.00
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Appropriation exceeded, . . . . .	\$10.77
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## BRIDGES.

Paid George W. Kingsbury, repairs, . . . . .	\$3.37
C. T. Frost, repairs, . . . . .	12.97
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	\$16.34
Appropriation, . . . . .	100.00
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Unexpended, . . . . .	\$83.66
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## SIDEWALKS.

Paid F. M. Ballou & Co., concreting, . . . . .	\$298.10
Appropriation, . . . . .	300.00
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Unexpended, . . . . .	\$1.90
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## CEMETERY.

Paid J. B. Hale, for Committee, . . . . .	\$443.00
Appropriation, . . . . .	400.00
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Interest on Trust Funds, . . . . .	\$43.00
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## REMOVING SNOW.

Paid George W. Kingsbury, for clearing roads and sidewalks, . . . . .	\$1,237.75
Appropriation, . . . . .	900.00
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Appropriation exceeded, . . . . .	\$337.75
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## TAXES.

Paid Walpole tax, . . . . .	\$2.09
Millis tax, . . . . .	7.88
County tax, . . . . .	1,183.04
State tax, . . . . .	795.00
	<u>\$1,988.01</u>

## MEMORIAL DAY.

Paid Lowell Babcock, Q. M. Post 117, G. A. R., ex- penses, . . . . .	\$50.00
Appropriation, . . . . .	<u>\$50.00</u>

## TOWN PROPERTY.

School-houses, . . . . .	\$18,500.00
Chenery Hall, . . . . .	25,000.00
Public Library, . . . . .	3,500.00
Cemetery, . . . . .	3,000.00
Town Farm, . . . . .	4,500.00
Fire apparatus, . . . . .	2,000.00
Farm stock, tools, and furniture at Almshouse, . .	2,000.00
Hearse, road machine, and snow-plough, . . . .	1,000.00
	<u>\$59,500.00</u>

## RESOURCES.

Cash in treasury Feb. 1, 1899, . . . . .	\$1,301.97
Due from taxes of 1894, . . . . .	25.50
Taxes of 1895, . . . . .	40.65
Taxes of 1896, . . . . .	283.65
Taxes of 1897, . . . . .	651.32
Taxes of 1898, . . . . .	3,180.12
State for State aid, . . . . .	177.00
State for burial of soldier's widow, . . . .	35.00
State for inspection of cattle and provisions, .	18.75
State on account of David West, . . . . .	23.65
<i>Carried forward,</i> . . . . .	<u>\$5,737.61</u>



<i>Brought forward,</i> . . . . .	\$5,737.61
Due from Town of Nantucket for aid furnished Mrs. Herbert Parker, . . . . .	60.00
Town of Franklin for medical attendance on Marcus Gilmore, . . . . .	12.00
N. T. Dyer, guardian for Rachel Briscoe, .	256.12
F. M. Yerinton, guardian for William Forbes,	214.96
F. E. Mason, guardian for Elizabeth Smith,	500.56
Overseers for milk, . . . . .	105.06
Overseers for meadow hay, . . . . .	11.91
	<u>\$6,898.22</u>

## TEMPORARY LIABILITIES.

Notes to Harwood Brothers, . . . . .	\$4,250.00
Daisy Curtis, . . . . .	2,100.00
Sarah G. Shumway, . . . . .	1,000.00
Mary J. Smith, . . . . .	1,000.00
Medway Savings Bank, . . . . .	4,700.00
	<u>\$13,050.00</u>

## PERMANENT LIABILITIES.

Note to Trustees of School Fund, . . . . .	\$2,510.20
Trust Funds:—	
George Cummings, for Public Library, . . . . .	1,000.00
George M. Smith, for Public Library, . . . . .	500.00
George M. Smith, for Cemetery, . . . . .	100.00
Mary T. Derby, “ . . . . .	100.00
Nancy H. Curtis, “ . . . . .	50.00
Mary F. Ellis, “ . . . . .	100.00
Mary M. Phelps, “ . . . . .	50.00
Moses Ellis, “ . . . . .	200.00
Eliza E. Williams, “ . . . . .	475.00
	<u>\$5,085.20</u>
Total liabilities, . . . . .	\$18,135.20
Liabilities exceed resources, . . . . .	<u>\$11,236.98</u>

## APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED.

Teaching schools, . . . . .	\$3,500.00
Care, fuel, and supplies, . . . . .	1,500.00
Highways, . . . . .	2,000.00
Bridges, . . . . .	100.00
Removing snow, . . . . .	500.00
Fire Department, . . . . .	1,000.00
General expenses, . . . . .	500.00
Town officers, . . . . .	1,600.00
Support of poor at Almshouse, . . . . .	1,000.00
Support of poor out of Almshouse, . . . . .	500.00
Insane and feeble-minded, . . . . .	400.00
Interest, . . . . .	900.00
Public Library, dog tax and . . . . .	100.00
Cemetery, . . . . .	400.00
Memorial Day, . . . . .	75.00
Notes due, . . . . .	967.00
Paying debt, . . . . .	500.00
Soldiers' Relief . . . . .	180.00
Care of sewer, . . . . .	50.00
Insurance, . . . . .	100.00
Sidewalks, . . . . .	300.00
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	\$16,172.00
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Guide-boards are maintained at the usual places.

Respectfully submitted,

B. F. SHUMWAY,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
WILLIAM F. GUILD,	
HERBERT W. WIGHT,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Medfield.</i>

Examined and found correct.

T. E. SCHOOLS, *Auditor.*

# ANNUAL REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

ENDING JAN. 31, 1899.

## *Receipts.*

Balance from last year, . . . . .	\$13.03
Appropriation from Town, . . . . .	400.00
Lots sold and care of lots, . . . . .	227.00
Interest on trust lots from Town, . . . . .	43.00
From accumulated interest of Trust Fund, . . . . .	37.15
	<u>\$720.18</u>

## *Disbursements.*

By labor, Frank Quincy, . . . . .	\$28.87
“ Thomas Rourke, . . . . .	11.55
“ Horse and cart, A. B. Parker, . . . . .	138.07
“ John Simmons, . . . . .	23.27
“ H. H. Keith, . . . . .	97.72
“ Charles Wight, . . . . .	46.72
“ Frank L. Osborn, . . . . .	55.20
“ W. D. Gilbert, . . . . .	79.28
“ George Steere, . . . . .	22.92
“ W. B. Grover, . . . . .	53.88
“ Daniel Pember, . . . . .	77.53
“ Fred A. Wildes, . . . . .	55.30
“ George Wright, . . . . .	19.25
“ Horse and cart, J. B. Hale, . . . . .	17.32
J. B. Hale, urn for G. M. Smith Lot, . . . . .	10.00
Sundries, . . . . .	14.42
	<u>\$751.30</u>
Resources exceeded, . . . . .	31.12
	<u>\$720.18</u>

## Interest to credit of Trust Lots : —

Mary Derby Lot, . . . . .	\$11.07
George M. Smith Lot, . . . . .	23.13
Mary Ellis Lot, . . . . .	14.07
Nancy Curtis Lot, . . . . .	3.38
Mary Phelps Lot, . . . . .	1.59
Moses Ellis Lot, . . . . .	2.56
To invest, . . . . .	<u>\$55.80</u>

A. B. PARKER, } Cemetery  
 WILLARD HARWOOD, } Committee.

Examined and found correct.

T. E. SCHOOLS, *Auditor.*

# REPORT OF ENGINEERS OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JAN. 31, 1899.

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TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN :

The Fire Department is in good shape. Both companies have the required number of men, and they are always ready to respond to every call for duty.

We have had seven fires during the year.

February 3, Monks Block. Cause, spontaneous combustion. Damage small.

March 23, Elmwood Hotel. Cause, bursting of lamp. Damage large, partial loss.

April 10, Willard Harwood, storehouse. Occupied by J. E. Lonergan. Cause, incendiary. Total loss.

July 4, John Mason, barn. Caused by lightning. Total loss.

July 21, Second Congregational Church. Struck by lightning. Damage by fire small.

July 30, Hamlet Wight, barn. Struck by lightning. Damage small.

September 20, William Weiker, barn. Caused by overturning lantern. Total loss.

Respectfully submitted,

M. H. BLOOD,	}	<i>Engineers.</i>
H. W. HUTSON,		
S. E. MITCHELL,		

S. E. MITCHELL, *Clerk for the Board.*

## REPORT OF THE SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

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I herewith report, as Sealer of Weights and Measures, that I have complied with the law by advertising, as required. The standard weights and measures are kept in good order and condition, ready for use at any time. I have visited the stores, and examined, and find the scales and balances in good order.

I. B. CODDING,

*Sealer of Weights and Measures.*

FEB. 1, 1899.

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

### BIRTHS RECORDED IN MEDFIELD DURING THE YEAR 1898.

DATE.	CHILD'S NAME.	PARENTS.
Jan. 5.	Florence Louise Condon.	Ernest H. and Mabel (Curley).
Jan. 9.	Lesley Haywood Sartoris.	Hiram H. and Mamie (Cody).
Feb. 26.	Ernest Melvin Herron.	George B. and Bertha M. (Cox).
Mar. 5.	Laura Huntington Smith.	George H. and Laura H. (Brown).
April 2.	Clifford Elwyn Aulis.	John F. and Lillian A. (Fossett).
April 26.	Frederick Henry Dyer.	John and Kittie E. (Schools).
May 21.	Edward David French.	Edward and Martha C. (Warde).
June 1.	Byron Bartlett Lantz.	Reginald E. and Fannie (Crawford).
June 18.	Dewey Clyde Bean.	Jesse and Mary (Ossinger).
June 18.	Still-born.	
June 28.	Barbara Colburn.	Perrin B. and Mabel S. (Morse).
June 30.	Irma Elizabeth Carswell.	William T. and Lina S. (Lovering).
July 1.	Pauline Mitchell.	Herbert L. and Mabel J. (Mason).
July 13.	Kenneth Edson Sherman.	Edgar A. and Sarah J. (Heard).
July 18.	Clifford Lester Coddington.	Elmer B. and Fannie A. (Briggs).
Aug. 5.	Georgianna Locke.	William H. and Hattie M. (Fisher).
Sept. 7.	Still-born.	
Sept. 14.	Harold Frederick Cass.	Frederick N. and Evelyn (Blake).
Sept. 15.	Still-born.	
Nov. 5.	Ruth Bent.	Edward M. and Emma L. (Richards).
Nov. 18.	Dollena Catherine McPhee.	Daniel H. and Effie (McIsaacs).
Dec. 13.	John Edward Brennan.	Redman J. and Elizabeth G. (Fair).
Dec. 22.	Edith Harriet Heard.	Joel E. and Emma E. (Smith).
Dec. 29.	John Roger Mitchell.	John and Nellie (Rourke).

Total number of births, 24.

Males, 12.

Females, 12.

### EXTRACTS FROM CHAPTER 444, ACTS OF 1897.

SECTION 3. Physicians and midwives shall on or before the fifth day of each month report to the clerk of each town or city a correct list of all children born during the month next preceding. . . .

SECT. 6. Parents shall within forty days after the birth of a child give notice thereof or cause such notice to be given to the clerk of the city or town in which such child is born. . . .

Blanks can be obtained on application to the Town Clerk.

## MARRIAGES IN MEDFIELD DURING THE YEAR 1898.

DATE.	NAMES.	RESIDENCES.	WHERE AND BY WHOM MARRIED.
Jan. 12.	{ Joel E. Heard, Emma E. Smith,	Medfield, Medfield,	{ In Medfield, by Rev. J. A. Savage.
April 4.	{ John E. Roberts, Luna May Bolt,	Medfield, Montgomery, Vt.,	{ In South Framingham, by Rev. F. T. Whitman.
May 10.	{ Charles W. Strang, Martha L. Hurd,	Medfield, Worcester, Mass.,	{ In Medfield, by Rev. A. M. Crane.
June 26.	{ Calvin Olney Sanger, Norah Frances Sullivan,	Medfield, Medfield,	{ In Medfield, by Rev. J. A. Donnelly.
Sept. 1.	{ Basil D. Miller, Agnes H. Lincoln,	Peterboro, N.Y., Medfield,	{ In Westwood, Mass., by Rev. C. S. Locke.
Oct. 12.	{ Frank E. Day, Alice M. Wight,	Medfield, Medfield,	{ In Medfield, by Rev. J. A. Savage.
Nov. 6.	{ Edward P. Tucker, Kate P. Fisher,	Norwood, Mass., Medfield,	{ In Medfield, by Rev. J. A. Savage.
Nov. 7.	{ George W. Mills, Jessie B. MacLaine,	Medfield, Medfield,	{ In Medfield, by Rev. L. M. Pierce.
Nov. 24.	{ Michael E. Griffin, Catherine E. Sullivan,	Medfield, Medfield,	{ In South Natick, Mass., by Rev. J. A. Donnelly.
Dec. 21.	{ Frederick T. Young, Prudence M. Steere,	Medfield, Medfield,	{ In Medfield, by Rev. S. L. Morse.

Total number of marriages, 10.      Married in town, 7.      Married out of town, 3.



DEATHS OF RESIDENTS IN MEDFIELD RECORDED DURING  
THE YEAR 1898.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.			CAUSE OF DEATH.
		Yrs.	Mos.	Days.	
Jan. 5.	Comfort S. Thompson.	65	8	—	Paralysis.
Jan. 15.	Clarissa Cheney.	74	—	—	Pneumonia.
Jan. 16.	Mary J. Stedman.	85	4	16	Apoplexy.
Feb. 5.	Joseph P. Meany.	18	4	48	Septicæmia.
Feb. 5.	John W. Bruce.	52	11	25	Chronic Nephritis.
Feb. 8.	Helen Z. Allen.	59	10	17	Diabetes Mellitus.
Feb. 18.	Lydia C. Snow.	96	11	2	Senile Dementia.
Mar. 1.	Sarah Elder.	77	10	24	Organic Heart Disease.
Mar. 18.	Sophia Boos.	80	—	20	Dropsy.
April 5.	Olive C. Guild.	82	8	10	Hemiplegia.
May 3.	William H. Bullard.	54	3	25	Chronic Nephritis.
May 11.	Joseph Clark.	77	7	5	Apoplexy.
May 14.	Grace H. Rodowsky.	5	—	20	Peritonitis.
May 16.	Robert Crawford.	73	4	1	Cerebral Hemorrhage.
June 10.	Mary B. Lovell.	73	7	21	Gastro-enteritis.
June 16.	Lewis M. Richards.	75	2	28	Organic Brain Disease.
June 17.	David A. West.	58	6	18	Tuberculosis.
June 18.	Still-born, female.				
July 12.	William Kingsbury.	86	4	10	Result of Fall.
Aug. 21.	Georgianna Locke.	—	—	16	Capillary Bronchitis.
Sept. 5.	Henry S. Brown.	78	3	8	Anæmia.
Sept. 7.	Still-born, female.				
Sept. 15.	Still-born, female.				
Nov. 12.	William R. Richardson.	24	5	24	Appendicitis.
Nov. 29.	Mary E. Burr.	89	5	29	Chronic Gastritis.
Dec. 7.	Adolph Anderson.	20	5	11	Phthisis.

Total number of deaths, 26.      Males, 11.      Females, 15.

Over 90 years of age, . . . . .	1
Between the ages of 80 and 90, . . . . .	5
Between the ages of 70 and 80, . . . . .	7
Between the ages of 40 and 70, . . . . .	5
Between the ages of 20 and 40, . . . . .	3
Between the ages of 10 and 20, . . . . .	1
Under 10 years of age, . . . . .	1
Still-born, . . . . .	3

DEATHS AT MEDFIELD INSANE ASYLUM DURING THE  
YEAR 1898.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.	WHERE FROM.
Jan. 3.	Lizzie Jenness.	38	Fall River, Mass.
Jan. 13.	Eugene Fournier.	62	Salem, Mass.
Jan. 14.	Joseph Charoux.	40	Hudson, Mass.
Jan. 15.	James O'Brien.	76	Cambridge, Mass.
Jan. 16.	Dennis Callahan.	51	Boston, Mass.
Jan. 28.	George F. Baldwin.	57	Phillipston, Mass.
Jan. 30.	Margaret J. Mahaffey.	21	Cambridge, Mass.
Feb. 4.	Mary Kehoe.	78	Boston, Mass.
Feb. 11.	Hannah Pope.	55	Boston, Mass.
Feb. 13.	George E. Douglass.	48	Chelsea, Mass.
Feb. 13.	John Wyman.	53	Wendell, Mass.
Feb. 17.	Charles H. Hutchinson.	79	Cambridge, Mass.
Feb. 23.	Willis C. Healey.	41	Provincetown, Mass.
Feb. 24.	Catherine Fitzpatrick.	67	Peabody, Mass.
Mar. 1.	Edgar Chase.	46	Winchester, Mass.
Mar. 2.	Charles Norton.	38	Newton, Mass.
Mar. 2.	Matthew J. Harkins.	42	Roxbury, Mass.
Mar. 8.	Etta F. Thayer.	35	Fall River, Mass.
Mar. 9.	Catherine Tynan.	58	Southbridge, Mass.
Mar. 11.	James M. Atherton.	82	Bourne, Mass.
Mar. 15.	Ellen J. Bell.	35	Ware, Mass.
Mar. 16.	Sarah Goodwin.	60	Boston, Mass.
Mar. 25.	Susan McGilligan.	50	Boston, Mass.
Mar. 31.	Mary Casey.	98	Boston, Mass.
April 4.	Israel W. Guild.	36	Malden, Mass.
April 6.	Maria J. Gurdy.	72	Boston, Mass.
April 9.	Jane Hunter.	72	Boston, Mass.
April 10.	Helen Keyes.	62	Ware, Mass.
April 24.	William Aitkins.	71	Lowell, Mass.
May 1.	Albert W. Judd.	53	Whately, Mass.
May 6.	Minnie F. Steadman.	22	Hanson, Mass.
May 7.	Bridget Wilson.	37	Chelsea, Mass.
May 13.	Martin Waters.	59	Westborough, Mass.
May 18.	Jeremiah J. Driscoll.	37	Boston, Mass.
May 18.	Arthur Jackson.	31	Hinsdale, Mass.
May 26.	Fred Hudson.	33	Lawrence, Mass.
June 9.	Blanche Gorman.	40	Boston, Mass.
June 10.	Sophie Trommer.	43	Clinton, Mass.
June 23.	Elizabeth Coffey.	36	Boston, Mass.
June 26.	Alexander G. Glover.	18	Boston, Mass.
June 26.	Alfred Fuller.	41	Boston, Mass.
July 14.	Lucy Stacy.	45	Lynn, Mass.
July 20.	Catherine F. Lang.	63	Boston, Mass.
Aug. 5.	Dummer Freeman.	64	Malden, Mass.
Aug. 6.	Mary E. Carleton.	66	Boston, Mass.
Aug. 8.	Michael Delay.	28	Watertown, Mass.
Aug. 8.	Hannah Coholan.	74	Boston, Mass.
Aug. 13.	Catherine Mooney.	67	Boston, Mass.
Aug. 30.	Elizabeth McDermott.	72	Boston, Mass.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.	WHERE FROM.
Aug. 30.	William J. White.	53	Lowell, Mass.
Sept. 2.	Edgar D. Shaw.	43	Mansfield, Mass.
Sept. 4.	Deborah F. Upham.	49	New Bedford, Mass.
Sept. 7.	Bridget Welch.	33	Boston, Mass.
Sept. 10.	Solomon O. Shaw.	58	Boston, Mass.
Sept. 11.	Orsina G. Powell.	53	Lynn, Mass.
Sept. 14.	John Mannix.	39	Boston, Mass.
Sept. 18.	James L. Onthank.	51	Southboro, Mass.
Sept. 19.	Jane Barry.	71	Lynn, Mass.
Sept. 29.	Michael H. Donovan.	37	Weymouth, Mass.
Oct. 6.	James H. Carpenter.	23	Groveland, N.H.
Oct. 12.	Anthony Hartley.	38	Newburyport, Mass.
Oct. 18.	Mary Killian.	70	Boston, Mass.
Oct. 25.	Elizabeth C. Fales.	39	Norwood, Mass.
Nov. 7.	Mary Quirk.	58	Boston, Mass.
Nov. 14.	Lucy Whitcomb.	59	Lynn, Mass.
Nov. 27.	Mabel Putnam.	33	Orange, Mass.
Nov. 28.	Margaret Kearns.	46	Boston, Mass.
Nov. 29.	Bridget Salmon.	55	Boston, Mass.
Nov. 29.	James W. Stapleford.	68	Edgartown, Mass.
Nov. 30.	Jane Carroll.	76	Boston, Mass.
Dec. 1.	Joseph Reed.	74	Boston, Mass.
Dec. 14.	Ellen Flemming.	31	Boston, Mass.
Dec. 23.	Catherine Ferren.	43	Worcester, Mass.
Dec. 28.	Mary J. Conners.	25	Woburn, Mass.
Dec. 31.	Patrick W. Brophy.	46	Boston, Mass.

Total number of deaths at Asylum, 75.    Males, 35.    Females, 40.

A true copy of records of births, deaths, and marriages in the town of Medfield.

Attest :

STILLMAN J. SPEAR,  
*Town Clerk.*

# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

TO FEB. 1, 1899.

JOSEPH W. CURTIS, IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN OF MEDFIELD.

<i>Dr.</i>			<i>Cr.</i>
To commitment of tax of 1898, . . .	\$16,157.03	By cash paid Treasurer. . . . .	\$12,983.37
To additional commitment of tax		By abatement, . . . . .	2.30
of 1898, . . . . .	16.03	By interest on tax of 1898, . . . .	7.27
		By uncollected tax of 1898, . . . .	3,180.12
	<u>\$16,173.06</u>		<u>\$16,173.06</u>

JOSEPH W. CURTIS,  
*Tax Collector.*

Examined and found correct. T. E. SCHOOLS, *Auditor.*

## COLLECTOR'S REPORT ON DELINQUENT TAXES.

On tax of 1894:		
Collected and paid Treasurer, . . . . .		\$10.02
Abatements, . . . . .		157.21
Remaining unpaid, . . . . .		\$25.50
On tax of 1895:		
Collected and paid Treasurer, . . . . .		136.40
Abatements, . . . . .		107.00
Uncollected tax of 1895, . . . . .		40.65
On tax of 1896:		
Collected and paid Treasurer, . . . . .		189.53
Abatements, . . . . .		118.94
Uncollected tax of 1896, . . . . .		283.65
On tax of 1897:		
Collected and paid Treasurer, . . . . .		2,045.20
Abatements, . . . . .		84.48
Uncollected tax of 1897, . . . . .		651.32
Total unpaid, . . . . .		\$1,001.12

R. A. BATTELLE,  
*Collector.*

# REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

FROM MAR. 1 TO OCT. 1, 1898.

## HIGHWAY ACCOUNT.

Paid A. L. Gay, for labor, . . . . .	\$29.08
Thomas Maguire, for labor, . . . . .	7.97
F. L. Osborne, " . . . . .	18.85
Lee Thompson, " . . . . .	1.11
Frank Sleeper, " . . . . .	1.05
Ernest H. Condon, " . . . . .	6.82
J. J. McGrory, " . . . . .	4.20
Charles Wight, " . . . . .	13.99
John Simmons, " . . . . .	17.10
Joseph Leeds, " . . . . .	4.11
George Wright, " . . . . .	2.62
Irving Crosby, " . . . . .	8.31
Waldo Kingsbury, " . . . . .	4.29
Theodore Peterson, " . . . . .	11.02
Martin V. Reed, " . . . . .	4.72
Wm. Stevens, " . . . . .	5.34
Wm. Sweeney, " . . . . .	2.80
J. H. Brigham, " . . . . .	17.45
Roscoe Hamant, " . . . . .	5.60
R. J. Brennan, " . . . . .	2.45
Frank Fonnells, " . . . . .	1.05
Frank Towns, " . . . . .	2.58
Charles Towns, " . . . . .	2.58
E. H. Lander, " . . . . .	5.33
Dan Pember, " . . . . .	1.57
Edward Meany, " . . . . .	2.01
Richard Gorman, " . . . . .	4.99
Charles Warner, " . . . . .	1.30
R. Baker for plank and sawing, . . . . .	2.00
C. T. Frost, . . . . .	35.25
	<u>\$227.54</u>

## GRAVEL ACCOUNT.

Paid Samuel Ellis, for gravel, . . . . .	\$1.25	
George Bruce, " . . . . .	1.00	
Joseph Allen, " . . . . .	2.40	
Frank Harding, " . . . . .	1.45	\$6.10
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## HIGHWAY TEAM WORK.

Paid William J. Cox, for teams, . . . . .	\$140.01	
J. E. Lonergan, " . . . . .	2.50	
N. Grant, " . . . . .	5.44	
Charles Warner, " . . . . .	38.80	186.75
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## SEWER ACCOUNT.

Paid W. D. Gilbert, for labor, . . . . .	\$2.45	
R. Baker, for gate-box, . . . . .	2.50	
Jem McGrory, for labor, . . . . .	4.75	
Wm. Cox, " . . . . .	19.40	
John Rhodusky, " . . . . .	10.32	
Richard Gorman, " . . . . .	6.30	
Peter Gordon, " . . . . .	2.10	
T. L. Donlan, " . . . . .	3.25	
Charles Warner, " . . . . .	4.55	
C. T. Frost, " . . . . .	2.25	
H. R. Preston, " . . . . .	1.40	59.27
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## BRIDGE ACCOUNT.

Paid Dedham Lumber Co., for plank . . . . .	\$11.22	
S. D. Wheeler, for labor, . . . . .	1.75	12.97
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		<u>\$265.09</u>

Respectfully submitted,

C. T. FROST,  
*Superintendent of Streets.*

Correct. T. E. SCHOOLS, *Auditor.*

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

Paid G. W. Kingsbury, Superintendent, . . . . .	\$61.50
J. W. Simmons, for labor, . . . . .	33.40
Edw. Meany, " . . . . .	45.90
Charles Booth, " . . . . .	55.98
R. Gorman, " . . . . .	33.12
J. A. Quincy, " . . . . .	49.32
Thomas Rourke, " . . . . .	39.24
Willie D. Gilbert, " . . . . .	7.02
F. G. Osborn, " . . . . .	4.68
E. Wilson, " . . . . .	2.70
P. Carlow, " . . . . .	4.32
F. B. Quincy, " . . . . .	11.88
J. A. Simmons, " . . . . .	4.59
Hans Pederson, " . . . . .	5.13
H. Wight, " . . . . .	2.97
E. Holt, " . . . . .	7.00
C. W. Wight, " . . . . .	.50
	<u>\$369.25</u>

### HIGHWAY TEAM WORK.

Paid A. H. Clark, for team, . . . . .	\$118.80
W. J. Cox, " . . . . .	119.61
F. S. Wight, " . . . . .	84.78
W. E. Kingsbury, " . . . . .	68.40
J. E. Lonergan, " . . . . .	27.54
G. W. Kingsbury, " . . . . .	48.62
	<u>\$467.75</u>

### GRAVEL ACCOUNT.

Paid R. Weiker, 391 loads of gravel @ 5 cts., .	\$19.55
H. M. Lillibridge, 30 " " " " " "	1.50
J. A. Allen, 16 " " " " " "	.80
	<u>\$21.85</u>

## TOOLS, ETC., FOR HIGHWAY.

Paid for gravel screen, . . . . .	\$8.00
J. A. Fitts, 14 lbs. of spikes, . . . . .	.56
J. A. Fitts, 14 shovels, . . . . .	9.15
Codding & Schools, 3 forks, . . . . .	1.80
Codding & Schools, 4 shovels, . . . . .	2.40
Blood Brothers, 3 forks, . . . . .	1.80
Blood Brothers, 2 shovels, . . . . .	2.60
G. G. Babcock, painting and lettering guide-boards, . . . . .	5.00
E. M. Bent, cement and drain-pipe, . . . . .	3.89
F. W. Cutter, sharpening picks and bars, . . . . .	.95
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	\$36.15
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## BRIDGE ACCOUNT.

Paid Union Lumber Company, 160 ft. spruce plank, . . . . .	\$2.72
G. W. Kingsbury, labor, . . . . .	.65
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	\$3.37
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## SNOW ACCOUNT.

BREAKING OUT ROADS AND SIDEWALKS AND DIGGING OUT GUTTERS  
FROM FEB. 1, 1898, TO FEB. 1, 1899.

Paid G. W. Kingsbury, Superintendent, . . . . .	\$50.00
J. D. Tufts, for labor, . . . . .	9.00
James Meany, " . . . . .	1.80
P. Boyle, " . . . . .	1.00
C. Garfield, " . . . . .	.20
B. C. Jordan, " . . . . .	6.40
Wm. McLeod, " . . . . .	5.40
R. Hamant, " . . . . .	7.20
J. T. Leeds, " . . . . .	10.20
E. Sydadall, " . . . . .	9.70
R. E. Cole, " . . . . .	1.00
Otto Rechten, " . . . . .	.70
D. Wheeler, " . . . . .	2.00
T. Kennedy, " . . . . .	4.70
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<i>Carried forward, . . . . .</i>	\$109.30



<i>Brought forward,</i>		\$109.30
Paid Lewis Adams, for labor,		2.40
E. Payson,	"	1.00
T. F. Rourke,	"	4.25
F. W. Abell,	"	7.40
P. N. Cook,	"	5.20
W. Ranney,	"	4.20
Wilfert,	"	8.15
C. Lord,	"	5.00
C. Bolton,	"	7.20
D. Cortet,	"	5.00
G. W. Adams,	"	4.40
A. Gilbert,	"	1.80
C. Fisher,	"	7.00
R. Crawford,	"	5.80
T. Hogan,	"	10.60
F. J. Bell,	"	1.60
M. L. Garfield,	"	8.80
A. Anderson,	"	7.00
L. Ashley,	"	1.00
F. B. Quincy,	"	10.30
F. Parker,	"	.70
W. F. Guild,	"	6.00
I. D. Dugal,	"	3.80
J. R. Miller,	"	1.50
A. L. Gay,	"	4.60
H. M. Parker,	"	5.20
J. Sullivan,	"	3.80
J. Hanson,	"	10.00
J. Rhodusky,	"	7.50
O. Lamson,	"	4.30
Chr. McGrory,	"	7.10
Edw. Meany,	"	4.80
W. E. Ord,	"	.50
F. S. Wight,	"	13.20
A. Toner,	"	11.00
G. Babcock,	"	6.80
C. Turner,	"	.70
<i>Carried forward,</i>		\$318.90

<i>Brought forward,</i>	\$318.90
Paid D. S. Wheeler, for labor,	7.20
A. A. Dean, Jr., "	1.00
F. Wilds, "	7.40
H. Mann, "	.60
G. K. Ricker & Sons, for labor,	36.85
P. Carlow, for labor,	8.45
D. Pember, "	7.40
J. Coughlin, "	10.80
J. C. McDonald, "	2.80
H. H. Keith, "	6.10
J. Conroy, "	3.60
C. McCartey, "	2.80
J. W. Coltman, "	2.50
W. Stevens, "	7.20
S. Mallery, "	19.80
G. Washburn, "	7.80
J. H. Brigham, "	5.20
J. Jennings, "	14.50
I. H. Crosby, "	13.10
H. H. Brigham, "	2.47
C. Holt, "	19.80
W. Gilbert, "	7.10
J. E. Lonergan, for team,	30.50
W. F. Weiker, "	26.40
L. Kingsbury, for labor,	10.71
J. T. Lillibridge, "	12.15
R. S. Hardy, "	8.60
T. F. Hanley, "	6.60
W. H. Locke, "	7.60
A. A. Kingsbury, "	8.80
J. H. Hanley, "	5.40
A. S. Kingsbury, "	.70
L. West, "	2.93
W. E. Dugan, "	9.75
T. Hanley, "	.60
J. McGarey, "	12.40
E. W. Kingsbury, for labor,	9.00
<i>Carried forward,</i>	\$665.51

<i>Brought forward,</i>	\$665.51
Paid H. M. Lillibridge, for labor,	2.00
A. D. Kingsbury, "	25.10
G. A. Moor, for labor,	6.40
T. H. Hanley, "	5.40
I. H. Maker, "	15.20
A. H. Lillibridge, "	12.15
C. W. Wight, "	17.76
W. D. Kingsbury, "	18.80
C. W. Strang, "	6.00
W. E. Kingsbury, for team,	23.40
Wm. Mallery, for labor,	12.60
S. B. Ware, "	23.20
G. L. L. Allen, "	12.20
J. B. Mars, "	11.90
C. Lane, "	2.60
W. H. Lane, "	2.60
H. A. Ellis, "	8.70
J. Noonan, "	23.50
H. W. Hutson, "	2.80
H. H. Clark, "	9.30
D. McFee, "	3.00
J. A. Newell, "	6.00
Leon Ashley, "	2.50
H. Gunneson, "	1.50
C. Booth, "	9.80
H. Pederson, "	11.30
T. Rourke, "	19.40
D. Lynch, "	8.60
J. J. Hennesey, "	14.40
Theo. Pederson, "	12.10
J. W. Simmons, "	26.80
J. A. Quincy, "	14.90
C. C. Ashley, "	6.80
F. L. Osborn, "	9.45
E. L. Ashley, "	6.80
G. W. Woolvett, "	15.20
W. J. Cox, for team,	100.25
<i>Carried forward,</i>	\$1,175.92

<i>Brought forward,</i>	\$1,175.92
Paid A. H. Clark, for labor,	29.30
Alex. Allen, “	2.80
B. Newcomb, “	5.40
G. W. Bruce, “	1.00
L. A. Cutler, “	3.50
G. W. Kingsbury, for team,	26.32
	<u>\$1,244.24</u>

## RECAPITULATION.

## RECEIVED ON SELECTMEN'S ORDERS.

On account of Highway,	\$895.00
Snow,	1,244.24
Bridges,	3.37
	<u>\$2,142.61</u>

## EXPENDED.

Highway,	\$895.00
Snow,	1,244.24
Bridges,	3.37
	<u>\$2,142.61</u>

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. KINGSBURY,

*Supt. of Streets.*Examined and found correct. T. E. SCHOOLS, *Auditor.*

## REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The Overseers of the Poor of the town of Medfield respectfully present the following report:—

Amount of the appraisal of the personal property at  
the Almshouse Feb. 1, 1899, . . . . . \$2,020.41

Sales from the Farm:—

Milk sold, . . . . .	\$939.85
Potatoes, . . . . .	122.56
Eggs, . . . . .	15.77
Pork, . . . . .	15.79
Apples, . . . . .	6.80
Turnips, . . . . .	.40
Meadow hay, . . . . .	6.00
Calves, . . . . .	4.25
Poultry, . . . . .	1.93
Transient board, . . . . .	4.00
Cow hide, . . . . .	1.50
	<u>\$1,118.85</u>

Bills due:—

For milk, . . . . .	\$105.06
For hay, . . . . .	11.91
	<u>\$116.97</u>

Providing for 614 tramps at 20 cents, . . . . . \$122.80

### PAYMENTS BY THE TREASURER OF THE EXPENSES AT THE ALMSHOUSE.

Paid Blood Brothers, grain, . . . . .	\$552.65
Blood Brothers, seed potatoes, . . . . .	27.80
W. H. Bullard, fish and oysters, . . . . .	30.49
<i>Carried forward, . . . . .</i>	<u>\$610.94</u>

<i>Brought forward,</i>	\$610.94
Paid H. Wight, lumber,	13.00
Blood Brothers, coal,	13.00
Blood Brothers, plough irons and harrow teeth,	4.05
Blood Brothers, 1 cow,	40.00
George Easton, salary from Feb. 1, 1898, to April 1, 1898,	50.00
C. F. Bruce, meat and provisions,	77.62
Blood Brothers, 1 cow,	47.00
Codding & Schools, groceries, etc.,	196.68
W. S. Mitchell, lumber,	9.43
Mrs. C. A. Leahy, supplies,	4.55
W. H. Cook, $4\frac{1}{2}$ cords of manure,	22.50
M. L. Cheney, 1 calf,	2.00
M. L. Cheney, difference in cow trade,	10.00
A. H. Mason, fertilizers,	22.50
A. H. Mason, planting corn,	6.00
Blood Brothers, difference in cow trade,	50.00
Blood Brothers, grass seed, etc.,	6.20
George Easton, salary from April 1, 1898, to Feb. 1, 1899,	323.75
George Easton, cash paid hired man,	12.25
James Ord, supplies,	11.00
M. F. Campbell, difference in horse rake,	15.00
M. F. Campbell, supplies,	8.00
J. L. Peckham, planting potatoes,	4.00
Boston Branch, groceries,	31.81
W. W. Preston, repairing pump and supplies,	4.10
W. T. Welch, laying over barn cellar wall,	9.60
E. M. Bent, 1 cask of cement,	1.65
Blood Brothers, garden seeds,	2.75
Michael Sables, labor,	72.00
M. L. Cheney, 2 pigs,	6.00
Mrs. M. A. Ritche, sawing lumber,	8.96
J. J. Cunningham, boots and repairing,	4.20
H. Wight, fertilizer,	10.50
T. L. Smith, 1 cow,	50.00
Blood Brothers, 3 tons of coal,	18.75
<i>Carried forward,</i>	<u>\$1,779.79</u>

<i>Brought forward,</i>	\$1,779.79
Paid Blood Brothers, 2 horse blankets,	2.00
E. H. Abell, supplies,	9.89
A. A. Dean, shoeing and blacksmithing,	15.63
F. W. Cutter, " " "	6.35
Preston & Annis, fish and oysters,	3.87
Alex. Wight, veterinary services and medicine,	22.00
J. E. Lonergan, grain,	4.10
J. A. Fitts, groceries, etc.,	46.87
G. E. Pettis, crackers,	4.60
E. C. Crocker, supplies,	1.00
E. J. Keyou, medicine,	.65
Dr. A. Mitchell, medical attendance,	16.00
R. W. Baker, pair of sled shafts and bolts,	5.70
M. C. Adams, service of bull,	4.00
M. C. Adams, 1 bottle of Perry's Compound,	.50
T. L. Smith, pasturing 3 heifers,	10.00
G. W. Kingsbury, grinding corn,	2.82
G. W. Kingsbury, butchering 2 hogs,	2.00
M. F. Campbell, rubber hoes and repairing pump,	5.50
R. Weiker, ice,	8.10
Charles Bullard, meat and provisions,	68.41
E. C. Clark, lumber,	13.99
G. W. Kingsbury, cash paid for labor,	3.86
D. Driscoll, labor,	16.69
O. McLord, fish, 1897 bill,	9.62
	<u>\$2,063.94</u>

Inmates in Almshouse Feb. 1, 1898 :—

Flora Kingsbury, aged 21 years.

Admitted during the year :—

Emma Kingsbury. Admitted April 2, 1898. Discharged  
May 31, 1898.

Lottie Kingsbury. Admitted April 2, 1898. Discharged  
May 31, 1898.

Emma Kingsbury. Readmitted Oct. 31, 1898. Discharged  
Dec. 10, 1898.

Appropriation from the Town, . . . . .	\$1,000.00
Income from the Farm . . . . .	1,118.85
	<u>\$2,118.85</u>
Expenses at Almshouse, . . . . .	2,063.94
Unexpended, . . . . .	<u>\$54.91</u>

#### PAUPER EXPENSES OUT OF THE ALMSHOUSE.

Paid Codding & Schools, supplies of Olive and Louise Guild, . . . . .	\$93.88
Overseers, for aid for Olive and Louise Guild, . . . . .	36.00
Aid for Mrs. Herbert Parker, . . . . .	124.00
Lewis A. Hall, board of Lottie Kingsbury, . . . . .	6.00
E. J. Keyou, medicine for David West, . . . . .	5.65
Mrs. Charlotte Hall, board of Lottie Kingsbury, . . . . .	10.00
A. B. Parker, funeral expenses of Mrs. L. A. Snow, . . . . .	25.00
City of Taunton, for aid furnished Mrs. Michael Tobin, . . . . .	34.46
Dr. A. Mitchell, medical attendance on David West, . . . . .	18.00
Mrs. Nelson Lowe, board of Lottie Kingsbury, . . . . .	40.00
Blood Brothers, $\frac{1}{2}$ ton of coal for Mrs. D. West, . . . . .	3.25
Boston Branch, supplies for D. West's family, . . . . .	15.00
E. J. Keyou, medicine for Mrs. D. West, . . . . .	2.30
City of Chelsea, for aid rendered Mrs. E. F. Hunt and family, . . . . .	104.00
Mrs. W. H. Pratt, for board of Effie Hanks and child, . . . . .	16.00
Dr. A. Mitchell, for medical attendance on Marcus Gilmore, . . . . .	12.00
Dr. A Mitchell, attendance on Mrs. D. West, . . . . .	8.00
E. C. Crocker, pair of boots and rubbers for Emma Kingsbury, . . . . .	2.00
	<u>\$555.54</u>



Received from the town of Nantucket, for aid furnished Mrs. Herbert Parker, . . . . .	\$64.00
Due from town of Nantucket, for board of Mrs. Herbert Parker, . . . . .	60.00
Received from the city of Newburyport, for aid furnished Mrs. David West, . . . . .	23.00
Due from the town of Franklin, for medical attendance on Marcus Gilmore, . . . . .	12.00
Due from the State, for medical attendance and medicine for David West, . . . . .	23.65

## SUPPORT OF THE INSANE AND FEEBLE-MINDED.

Paid Westboro Insane Hospital, for the board of Elizabeth Smith, . . . . .	\$171.45
Westboro Insane Hospital, for the board of William Forbes, . . . . .	212.97
Taunton Insane Hospital, for the board of Rachel Brisco, . . . . .	179.46
Massachusetts School for Feeble-minded, for board of Arthur Ricker, . . . . .	169.45
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	<u>\$733.33</u>

GEORGE W. KINGSBURY, } *Overseers*  
 HERBERT W. HUTSON, } *of the*  
 M. HOWARD BLOOD, } *Poor.*

Examined and found correct. T. E. SCHOOLS, *Auditor.*

## REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS.

### SCHOOL FUND.

Note of the town of Medfield, R. A. Battelle, Treasurer, dated April 4, 1891, . . . . .	\$2,510.20
Note of Sarah A. Chickering, secured by second mortgage, dated Dec. 15, 1869, . . . . .	250.00
Deposits in Framingham Savings Bank, . . . . .	500.00
Cash in hands of Trustees, . . . . .	500.00
	<u>\$3,760.20</u>

### PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND.

In hands of Town Treasurer : —	
George Cummings Fund, . . . . .	\$1,000.00
George M. Smith Fund, . . . . .	500.00
	<u>\$1,500.00</u>

### TRUST FUNDS FOR CARE OF LOTS IN CEMETERY.

In hands of Town Treasurer : —	
Mary T. Derby Fund, . . . . .	\$100.00
George M. Smith Fund, . . . . .	100.00
Mary F. Ellis Fund, . . . . .	100.00
Nancy Curtis Fund, . . . . .	50.00
Mary M. Phelps Fund, . . . . .	50.00
Moses Ellis Fund, . . . . .	200.00
	<u>\$600.00</u>

### TRUST FUNDS FOR THE GENERAL CARE OF THE CEMETERY.

In hands of Town Treasurer : —	
Eliza E. Williams Fund, . . . . .	<u>\$475.00</u>

We anticipate the new code of by-laws to be submitted to the town in the near future will make some provision for the disposition of the above funds.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. BAILEY,  
CLINTON T. FROST, } *Trustees.*  
HAMLET WIGHT,

MEDFIELD, Feb. 1, 1899.

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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A time-honored custom, the laws of the Commonwealth, and the interest of the people in the public schools require that the School Committee shall annually report to the town its doings, the condition of the schools, and make such suggestions as may, in their opinion, conduce to the welfare of the interests in its charge.

### ORGANIZATION.

At the first meeting of the Committee for the year Albert A. Lovell was chosen chairman, George Washburn secretary.

### TEACHERS.

There have been no changes in the corps of teachers during the past year, except at the North School. Miss Isabel D. Bailey, who was in charge, declined a re-election at the beginning of the fall term. Miss Rosa S. Allen was chosen her successor, and taught a few weeks, but owing to ill-health tendered her resignation; and Miss Mabel F. Melcher was elected to fill the vacancy, and has continued in charge of that school.

### COURSES OF STUDY.

The regular courses of study prescribed have been followed, and special work has been performed as indicated below.

### NORTH SCHOOL.

*Mabel F. Melcher, Teacher.*

### SIX GRADES.

Attention has been given to oral and written expression in connection with all studies. Interest has been shown and en-

couraged in the observation of natural phenomena. A weather record has been kept, also reports of the moon's phases and the constellations seen. Daily calisthenics have proved very beneficial.

#### SOUTH SCHOOL.

*Wilma E. Bowden, Teacher.*

##### SIX GRADES.

The work of last year has been continued, and nature study has been added, taking through the winter months the common animals. New physiologies, histories, and geographies have added much to the interest in those branches.

#### RALPH WHELOCK SCHOOL.

##### GRADE I.

*Mary B. A. Dunn, Teacher.*

Regular work has been done in reading, arithmetic, and writing. The alphabet has been taught a little earlier than is usual, and more has been done in spelling both by letter and sound. Dictation exercises have been begun, hoping to gain thereby in spelling and correct forms of expression. Observation talks are quite frequent on objects and animals.

##### GRADES II. AND III.

*Susan M. Chase, Teacher.*

The work of caring for a large school has been lightened by two circumstances,—excellent attendance and enthusiasm. At two different times no one was absent during an entire week, thus making the attendance 100 per cent. for those weeks. Care has been taken in the arrangement of written work. Language work has been made prominent as heretofore. Special attention has been given to having the children tell a story in connected language from one which they have heard or read. The simplest rules of punctuation, followed by sentences illustrating them, are copied into blank books. The spelling this year has been better than ever before. This end has been kept in view,—to have the child know a word by sight, by sound, and by letter.

## GRADES IV. AND V.

*Ida Pearl Brigham, Teacher.*

The course of study has been followed with lessons in physiology from a chart once a week. In arithmetic, pupils have had drill in mental work in addition, to secure rapidity as well as accuracy. A new feature is the ten-minute morning talk, the subject-matter taken from daily environment, the object being to lead the pupil to observe and think for himself, and so increase his interest in, and love of nature.

## GRADES VI. AND VII.

*Jeannette E. King, Teacher.*

In addition to the work carried on last year we have introduced the use of the modelling table as an aid in the study of geography, in Grade VI. Grade VII. has a weekly lesson in United States history. The latter part of the spring term the children drew from life, not with the expectation of obtaining likenesses, but with the idea of securing correct proportions.

## GRADES VIII. AND IX.

*Carrie A. Smith, Teacher.*

In Grade VIII. the work done during the past year has been almost the same as in the year preceding. Special attention has been given to English composition, with good results. In Grade IX. it was thought best in September to drop Latin from the course of study and substitute rhetoric. In United States history special lines of reading are followed according to suggestions by John Fiske, the author of the text-book in that study.

## HIGH SCHOOL.

*Walter L. Van Kleeck, Principal.*

In general, the work has been carried on along the same lines as last year, the chief difference being in the increased emphasis laid upon the work in English and the introduction of book-keeping.

French and German are taught as heretofore, four terms being

spent on the former, and three terms (one school year) on the latter.

In Latin the pupils entering the school have had one year's work; and they go on through the study of Cæsar, Cicero, and Virgil. Increased importance has been attached to the work in Latin composition, in order that the pupil may acquire that understanding of Latin constructions which comes only from the constant use of them by the pupil himself.

The course in general history has been shortened by omitting the study of various parts of mediæval history; and the time thus saved will be devoted to geometry, which will thereby be made to extend through one school year.

The most notable change in English has been the introduction of the practice of writing daily "themes," short sketches on various subjects, sometimes assigned by the teacher, sometimes of the pupil's own choosing. The habit of writing something every day, if only a single page, cannot help being of benefit to the pupil in increasing his ability to write smooth, accurate English. Another important addition to the work of the school has been the introduction of book-keeping, in which the scholars have shown a marked interest. Of course, in the brief amount of time that can be given to the subject, it is not possible to give a thorough training in the science of accounts; but it is possible to lay a foundation upon which it will be easy to build the later practical knowledge, by giving the pupil a good idea of the theory and principles underlying the subject. This the school can and does aim to do.

#### SCHOOL SUPERVISION.

Several years ago the town accepted the act of the legislature in relation to the formation of districts comprising two or more towns, of a given valuation and number of schools, and the employment of a Superintendent who, under the direction of the Committee, should supervise the work in the schools. The town of Medfield has never availed itself of the provisions of this enactment. The Committee, while having, as individuals, their own opinions as to the merits or demerits of this law, are desirous of carrying out the will of the town as it shall be expressed. The good of the schools and the expense to the tax-payers are the



factors in the problem. If the people of the town are convinced that supervision is advisable, and are willing to make the appropriation necessary, the Committee is ready to carry out their will in the matter. If, on the contrary, the town is not willing to adopt supervision, the Committee will be as obedient in this direction. A large majority of the towns in the Commonwealth have accepted and adopted the provisions of this law,—in many instances, with great and admitted advantages. In other instances, serious defects and disadvantages have presented themselves. As this matter of supervision may, in some form or other, come before the town for action, it is hoped that parents and all concerned in the welfare of the schools will consider the matter so as to act intelligently either for or against such supervision.

In this report the Committee would call attention to the need of greater interest on the part of parents in the schools, and hope they will acquire the habit of visiting them often and see for themselves what is being done. Intelligent criticism is always welcome. What interest can scholars or teachers manifest when parents are indifferent? These children are your children. You owe it to them to take a personal and painstaking part in their education. It is a great stimulus to teachers when parents visit the schools frequently, and make it known that they know and appreciate good teaching and will insist upon having it. Look back over your own school days, and do you not observe that those scholars whose parents visited the school generally excelled in scholarship? The schools of any community will always be just as good as public sentiment demands,—no better, no worse.

The prudential affairs connected with the schools have been managed with such a regard to the welfare of the scholars as the means at hand would admit, and the Committee have borne in mind that strict economy is required. But demands are constantly arising which call for outlay, some of which cannot always be foreseen. Among the demands in the near future will be the painting of the North School-house, and a proper water supply for both the North and South Schools, this being at present very unsatisfactory. During the past year the South School-house has been shingled, the blackboards in four of the rooms at the Ralph Wheelock School have been redressed, concrete walks



have been laid in the yard of the latter school, and lightning rods have been placed upon the new part of the building, and the old rods inspected and repaired. Measures are under way to secure proper inspection, care, and insurance of the boilers in this building ; and the fire alarm drill has been perfected, in so far that the entire building is vacated without disorder or confusion, in one and one-fourth minutes, at the maximum, and in a great majority of instances in less than one minute. These precautions have been taken by the Committee with a realizing sense that parents intrust their children for thirty-six weeks in every year to the care of the town ; and it is the duty of the town to protect and guard them as far as possible from sickness, injury, or harm of any kind, so that, when a child is sent to school, the parent at home or at his business can feel that proper vigilance is exercised to protect the child.

The Committee desires to recognize the kindness of the Trustees of the Public Library in furnishing the principal of the High School with keys, so that he can obtain books that will be helpful to the scholars in their studies at any time.

The text-books in use are in a generally fair condition. Some are badly worn and much soiled. Pupils should never be required to use filthy books. The town, under State law, is required to furnish pupils with text-books and school supplies ; and this should be done with decent liberality. Economy should be practised in providing these necessities, but it would be meanness to require a child to use a book that no self-respecting man or woman would touch except with a pair of tongs. In this matter the teachers have endeavored to instill into the minds of the pupils the principle that public property is to be used more carefully than private property, and to practise a strict economy in the use of supplies. In spite of the utmost endeavor on the part of the teachers there will be some waste, but we believe it to be in our schools at the minimum.

This report has been extended and is somewhat in detail, that the people may know the condition of the schools, and in the hope of a stimulated interest of them. It matters not what efforts may be made by school boards, superintendents, or teachers, or what educational views any or all of them may entertain : it is the general sentiment of the community which will determine what

the schools shall be. Our school system should be devoid of the false, the glittering, the showy, but full of healthy moral and mental training, teaching the true dignity of the labor of the hands as well as of the brain, not omitting the gentler affections of the heart.

SCHOOLS.	Length of School in Weeks.			Whole Number of Scholars.			Average Attendance.			Percentage of Attendance.			Number over 15 Years.			Salary of Teachers
	Spring.	Fall.	Winter.	Spring.	Fall.	Winter.	Spring.	Fall.	Winter.	Spring.	Fall.	Winter.	Spring.	Fall.	Winter.	
High, . . . .	10	15	11	25	22	22	76	19.37	19.50	93.5	94.7	91.4	24	19	16	\$1,000
H. Grammar, . .	10	15	11	28	28	27	27.35	26.29	24.80	94.8	95.6	89.5	14	8	8	425
L. Grammar, . .	10	15	11	32	35	31	28.69	30.74	26.93	91.4	94.2	90.3	2	2	2	425
Intermediate, . .	10	15	11	42	48	47	38.80	42.87	38.96	95.4	96.2	84.7	0	0	1	425
H. Primary, . .	10	15	11	46	43	42	40.90	37.43	39.20	93.9	95.0	95.6	0	0	0	425
L. Primary, . .	10	15	11	35	26	21	28.15	21.16	19.50	90.5	91.3	93.5	0	0	0	425
North, . . . .	10	15	11	24	27	25	19.34	20.25	18.9	80+	75	75+	0	0	0	400
South, . . . .	10	15	11	27	30	29	26.2	29	27.8	97+	96.6	95+	0	0	0	425

### ROLL OF HONOR.

Not absent nor tardy for two years: Clarence Grant, Mabel L. Clark. Not absent nor tardy for one year: Edith Blood, Arthur F. Kingsbury, Illian Grant, Chester Dyer, Florian Downing, and Lewis A. Clark.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Committee,

ALBERT A. LOVELL,

*Chairman.*

## REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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The Trustees respectfully submit the following report:—

Donations of books have been received from Colonel E. V. Mitchell, Mr. Nathaniel T. Allen, Mr. Bracey Curtis, and Mrs. Mary Fitch.

One hundred new books have been added during the year. There are now 4,234 books in the library; and 12 periodicals have been subscribed for, for the use of the reading-room. The librarian reports a circulation of 7,889 volumes during the past year.

We have delayed the issue of a new catalogue in order not to exceed our appropriation. The expenditures for the year will be found in the Selectmen's report. There remains to the credit of the library an unexpended balance of \$104.85, which, with the usual appropriation of \$100 and the dog tax, will, we think, be enough to pay the running expenses and provide for a new catalogue.

STILLMAN J. SPEAR,	} Trustees.
GEORGE H. SMITH,	
WILLARD HARWOOD,	
BRACEY CURTIS,	
WILLIAM H. BAILEY,	
ISAAC B. CODDING,	

## TOWN WARRANT.

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### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

NORFOLK, ss.

*To either of the Constables of the Town of Medfield in said County,  
Greeting:*

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Medfield, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall, in said Medfield, on Monday, the sixth day of March, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles: —

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose the following-named town officers, under the provisions of Chapter 548 of the Acts of 1898, namely: one Town Clerk, one Treasurer, one Collector of Taxes, three Selectmen, three Assessors, three Overseers of the Poor, three for Cemetery Committee, three Trustees of School and Trust Funds, five Constables, one Sexton, one Auditor, all for one year; one School Committee for three years; two Trustees of Public Library for three years; one for Board of Health for three years. Also to vote on the following question: Shall license be granted to sell intoxicating liquors in this town for the ensuing year? The vote to be Yes or No. All of the above to be voted for on one ballot. The polls to be opened at half-past nine in the forenoon and to be kept open at least four hours.

ART. 3. To choose Tree Wardens, Fence Viewers, Pound Keeper, and Field Drivers.

ART. 4. To see if the town will accept the reports of the several town officers for the past year.

ART. 5. To grant and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the town for the ensuing year.

ART. 6. To see what action the town will take in relation to hiring money for any purpose.

ART. 7. To determine in what manner the taxes shall be collected for the ensuing year; also determine what percentage shall be allowed the Collector for the ensuing year.

ART. 8. To see if the town will authorize the Collector to use all

such means in the collection of taxes as the Treasurer might, if elected to that office.

ART. 9. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as prepared by the Selectmen and posted according to law.

ART. 10. To see what compensation the town will allow the members of the Fire Department for ensuing year.

ART. 11. To see how much per hour the town will allow for work on the highways for the ensuing year, or do or act anything relating thereto.

ART. 12. To hear and act on reports of committees.

ART. 13. To see what action the town will take in relation to the bill of F. M. Ballou & Co. for concreting gutters and crosswalks.

ART. 14. To see if the town will unite with other towns in the employment of a Superintendent of Schools, and appropriate money necessary therefor, or do or act anything relating thereto.

ART. 15. To see if the town will adopt the provisions of Chapter 264 of the Acts passed by the General Court of Massachusetts in the year 1890, entitled "An Act relating to Public Cemeteries."

ART. 16. To see if the town will appoint a committee to confer with the officers of the Medfield Electric Light and Power Company, with view of obtaining the rates and terms upon which said company will light with electricity the streets of Medfield, or do or act anything relating thereto.

ART. 17. To see if the town will contract with the Medfield Water Company for hydrant service or water supply, or do or act anything relating thereto.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof in the usual place for posting warrants in said Medfield. ten days at least before the time of said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, unto the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twentieth day of February, A.D. eighteen hundred and ninety-nine.

BENJAMIN F. SHUMWAY.	} <i>Selectmen</i>
WILLIAM F. GUILD,	
HERBERT W. WIGHT.	
	} <i>of</i>
	} <i>Medfield.</i>

A true copy.

Attest: M. HOWARD BLOOD, *Constable of Medfield.*

# BY-LAWS OF THE TOWN OF MEDFIELD.

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## ANNUAL MEETING.

SECTION 1. The annual meeting of the town shall be held on the first Monday in March.

## TOWN MEETINGS.

SECT. 2. Town meetings shall be notified by posting an attested copy of the warrant calling the same in the usual place on the Town House seven days, at least, before the day appointed for the meeting.

## DUTIES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

SECT. 3. The several boards of town officers shall, so far as practicable, transact all business coming under their supervision at meetings of the several boards at which a majority of the members are present; and they shall also keep a record of all contracts, payments of money, votes and appointments, and all other transactions had by them, including schedules of all town property under their care or control, and at the close of each fiscal year prepare a report of all their doings, with a statement in detail of all their payments and expenditures, and all liabilities incurred by them, including all outstanding orders and claims against the town, the valuation of all property of the town in their hands or under their care, and all debts due to the town, and submit an estimate of the probable expenses of the town for the ensuing year in their several departments.

SECT. 4. The Town Treasurer shall give bond to the town in such sum, not less than ten thousand dollars, as the Selectmen shall require and with sureties to their satisfaction, for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office.

SECT. 5. The Collector of Taxes shall give bond to the town in such sum, not less than six thousand dollars, as the Selectmen shall require and with sureties to their satisfaction, for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office.

It shall be the duty of the Selectmen to take charge of the bonds of the Treasurer and Collector of Taxes, see that they are deposited in a safe place, and cause a record of the same to be made.



## SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS.

SECT. 6. No appropriation for any special improvement, change, repair, or purchase of property not included in the usual or ordinary appropriations, exceeding three hundred dollars in amount or value, shall be made until some board of officers, officer, authorized committee, or agent of the town, shall have obtained and submitted to a meeting notified to act thereon proper plans, specifications and estimates of the probable expense or cost thereof, as near as can be reasonably ascertained, considering the nature and character thereof.

## TOWN CLERK.

SECT. 7. It shall be the duty of the Town Clerk to safely keep all books, papers, and plans, and all records belonging to the town. He shall, when requested, furnish all boards and committees with copies of all votes affecting them.

He shall fold uniformly all papers and documents within his department, and shall indorse them in a manner to indicate the contents of each paper, and shall file and arrange them in a manner convenient for reference and examination.

He shall have the custody of the town seal.

SECT. 8. The Town Clerk shall publish in the annual printed report of the town a copy of his record of all town meetings that have been held during the preceding year.

## SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

SECT. 9. The Superintendent of Streets shall keep an accurate account of all moneys expended and all work done under his supervision upon the public ways and bridges of the town, and a daily record of the number of men and teams employed, the extent and nature of the work done, and the time spent in doing such work.

A pay-roll shall be kept of the employees of the street department and of the owners of teams employed therein, and a detailed account of all parties furnishing materials therefor, the time for which payment is to be made, the rate of wages, the amount and cost of materials furnished, and the amount done in each case.

## FINANCES.

SECT. 10. The fiscal year shall begin with the first day of February and end with the thirty-first day of January, annually.

SECT. 11. The Town Treasurer shall have the custody of all funds belonging to the town, except funds for which other provision is made by law; and he shall pay no money from the treasury except upon a warrant signed by a majority of the Selectmen.

SECT. 12. All town officers, whether elected or appointed by the Selectmen, unless otherwise expressly ordered, shall on or before the fifth day of each month pay to the Town Treasurer all sums collected by them during the month previous, to the custody of which the Treasurer is entitled.

SECT. 13. All bills, pay-rolls, vouchers, cancelled notes, and other evidences of indebtedness of the town which have been paid from the treasury, shall be filed and safely kept.

#### ASSESSORS.

SECT. 14. The Assessors shall publish with the Town Officers' Report for the year nineteen hundred, and at least on each succeeding fifth year thereafter, and whenever at other times the town shall instruct them so to do, the full valuations and tax lists, both property and polls, assessed within the town or upon which taxes are paid to the town; and each year the usual summary thereof.

#### COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

SECT. 15. The Collector of Taxes shall append to his annual report, in the annual printed report of the town, a list of all unpaid tax levies, giving the names of the parties assessed, the amount due from each, and the year in which such assessments were laid.

#### OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

SECT. 16. The Overseers of the Poor shall have the general charge and management of the Town Farm, and the property of the town connected therewith, and may employ a Superintendent and other necessary servants and agents, subject, however, to specific votes of the town in relation thereto.

#### SELECTMEN.

SECT. 17. The Selectmen shall have the general direction and management of the property and affairs of the town in all cases not otherwise provided for by law.

SECT. 18. The Selectmen may appear either personally or by counsel before any Committee of the Legislature or Board or Commission.



to protect the interests of the town, but are not authorized by this By-Law to commit the town to any course of action.

SECT. 19. The Selectmen shall, in their annual report, state in detail what action they have taken in the year preceding. They shall state specifically what town ways, county ways, and sewers have been laid out, altered, or ordered, what damages have been assessed and paid, what claims are outstanding and what claims are in suit against the town, and what assessments remain to be made and collected for sewers at any time previously constructed. They shall give full reports in regard to all suits commenced by or brought against the town, with all the circumstances relating thereto. They shall also make a detailed statement of the repairs made upon public buildings.

SECT. 20. The Selectmen may, in all cases not otherwise provided for by law, bring suit in the name of the town against the principal and sureties, or either or any of them named in any bond given to the town, by any officer, agent, contractor, or other person, for breach of the condition of such bond.

They shall cause the appearance and answer of the town to be entered and made in all suits brought against the town at law or in equity, and may employ counsel to defend the same. They may commence and prosecute suits at law and in equity, in the name and behalf of the town, in all cases not otherwise provided for by law, and may employ counsel therein. They shall consider all claims made against the town and may settle the same, provided that in no case shall a settlement be so made by a payment of more than three hundred dollars, without authority from the town.

#### TOWN TREASURER.

SECT. 21. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to make, in the annual printed report of the town, a report which shall specifically state the objects, if any, for which the debt of the town may have been increased during the preceding year, and recite the votes under which the money was borrowed. The report shall give a classified statement of the indebtedness of the town and the objects for which it was incurred. Said report shall also include : —

*First.* A list of all notes issued during the year and the purposes for which the money was borrowed, giving the dates, amount, term, rate of interest, time of maturity, the premiums, if any, received thereon, and the names of the parties of whom the funds were borrowed.

*Second.* A list of all notes paid during the year, and a list of all outstanding notes with the dates on which they will mature.

*Third.* A full exhibit of all moneys, properties, and securities,

which may be placed in his charge by virtue of any statute or by-law, or by virtue of any gift, devise, bequest, or deposit.

*Fourth.* A statement of the amount of money received by the town from other sources than taxation during the preceding year.

*Fifth.* A list of all insurance policies held by the town, which list shall include a statement of the property covered, the names of the companies, the amount and the date of expiration of every policy in his custody.

SECT. 22. The Treasurer shall keep separate accounts with each appropriation of money voted by the town, and no money shall be paid out except for the purpose for which it was appropriated. Nor shall any transfer be made from one account to another, except by vote of the town. All moneys received by the Treasurer, not specially appropriated, shall be kept in an account of unappropriated funds, to be disposed of as the town may direct. All notes and obligations of the town, for money borrowed by authority of the town, shall be signed by the Treasurer and Selectmen.

#### CONTRACTS BY TOWN OFFICERS.

SECT. 23. No town officer or member of any committee chosen by the town, nor any agent of any such officer or committee, shall have any pecuniary interest in any contract or bargain made or approved in behalf of the town, by himself or any board or committee of which he is a member or for which he may act as agent.

#### PUBLIC DUMPING PLACE.

SECT. 24. On or before May 1, 1899, or as soon thereafter as may be, the Selectmen shall procure and thereafter maintain some suitable place, within a reasonable distance of the village, as a free public dump, upon which the inhabitants of the town shall have the right, under suitable regulations to be made from time to time by the Selectmen, to deposit ashes, cinders, papers, tin cans, and such other rubbish as may be permitted by the Selectmen with the approval of the Board of Health. Said dump shall be under the care and supervision of the Selectmen.

#### TRUANT CHILDREN.

SECT. 25. All children between the ages of seven and fifteen years residing in the town, who may be found wandering about in the streets or public places, having no lawful occupation or business, not attending school, and growing up in ignorance, shall, upon conviction thereof, be

committed to Norfolk, Bristol, and Plymouth Truant School in Walpole, unless otherwise ordered by the court.

It shall be the duty of every Truant Officer, previous to making any complaint under these laws, to notify the truant or absentee from school, also his parent or guardian, of the offence committed and the penalty therefor; and, if the Truant Officer can obtain satisfactory pledges for the restraint and reformation of the child, he may, at his own discretion, forbear to prosecute, so long as such pledges are faithfully kept.

It shall be the duty of the School Committee, the teachers of the public schools, and the citizens generally, to aid the Truant Officers as far as possible in the discharge of their duties.

Two or more Truant Officers shall be appointed annually, whose duty it shall be to inquire into all violations of the Truant Laws, and of the law relating to compulsory education, and to do all the acts required of them by the laws of the Commonwealth.

#### PENAL LAWS.

SECT. 26. No person shall drive or allow a horse under his control to go at an immoderate or unreasonable rate in any street or public place within the town, so as thereby to endanger the life, safety, or convenience of any person properly using such street or public place.

SECT. 27. No person shall permit any horse, cattle, swine, or sheep under his care to go upon any sidewalk in the town, so as to interfere with the convenient use of the same by all passengers.

SECT. 28. No person shall suffer horses, or grazing beasts, or swine to run at large in the town.

SECT. 29. No person shall permit any team under his care or control to stand across any public highway or street in the town, in such a manner as to obstruct the travel over the same, for an unnecessary length of time; no person shall stop with any team in any such public highway or street so near to another team as to obstruct public travel; and no person shall stop with any team or carriage upon or across any crossing in any such highway or street.

SECT. 30. No person shall, by any noise, gesture, or other means, wantonly and designedly frighten any horse in any street or other public place in the town.

SECT. 31. No person shall coast upon a sled or ride upon a bicycle upon any of the sidewalks in the town.

SECT. 32. No person shall coast or slide down any of the streets or highways of the town upon any hand-sled, board, jumper, or otherwise, except at such places and under such restrictions and regulations as the Selectmen shall designate and require.

SECT. 33. No person shall be or remain upon any sidewalk, or upon any doorstep, portico, or other projection of any house or other building in the town, not his own, to the annoyance or disturbance of any person.

SECT. 34. No person shall use any indecent, profane, or insulting language in any public place in the town, or near any dwelling-house or other buildings therein.

SECT. 35. No person shall play at any game of ball, or football, or throw balls or stones or snowballs. within any of the streets or public places of the town.

SECT. 36. No person shall take hold of nor ride upon the hind part of any carriage in the town without leave of the owner or occupant thereof.

SECT. 37. No person shall deposit within any public street or way of the town, or by the side thereof, any ashes, cinders, papers, tin cans, offal, or rubbish, or any waste matter whatsoever.

SECT. 38. No person shall place in any street, roadway, or town way within the town any broken glass, nails, tacks, or other substances liable to injure the feet of persons or animals, or the tires of bicycles or carriages.

SECT. 39. No person shall drive any carriage or other vehicle upon or over any hose-pipe, when placed in any street or highway of the town by order of the Chief Engineer or any other officer of the Fire Department.

SECT. 40. No person shall fire or discharge any gun, fowling-piece, or fire-arm, or make any bonfire or other fire, in any street or public place in the town.

SECT. 41. No three or more persons shall collect, stand, or be together in a group, or near to each other, on any sidewalk in the town in such a manner as to obstruct a free passage of foot passengers, nor after a request to move on or disperse made by any Selectman, Constable, or police officer of the town.

SECT. 42. No person shall sit upon or occupy any fence or wall bordering upon any sidewalk in the town in such a manner as to obstruct such sidewalk or annoy or disturb any person.

SECT. 43. No person or persons shall obstruct any sidewalk or street or any other public place in the town by idling or lounging thereon, or remain about the doorways of places of business therein, when requested by the owners or occupants of such places to depart therefrom.

SECT. 44. No person shall deposit sputum upon, or spit or expectorate upon the floor, platform, or steps of any street-car, or upon the floor of any room in any public building, or on the floor of any hall or entrance to any public building within the town.

SECT. 45. No person shall carry any spirituous or intoxicating liquors

into the Town House, any school-house, the cemetery, or any public grounds within the town, to be drunk on the premises.

SECT. 46. No person shall post or paste or paint any advertisement or notice upon any shade-tree, bridge, fence, wall, guide-post, or poles used for the transmission of electricity in the town.

SECT. 47. No person shall bathe or swim in any public or exposed place in the town in an indecent or nude condition.

SECT. 48. No person shall foul any brook, stream, or other body of water in the town with any substance which shall kill the fish therein or create offensive odors therefrom, so as to injure the public health or annoy the inhabitants of the town.

SECT. 49. No person shall throw the carcass of any dead animal or any other animal substance liable to putrefy into any pond, stream, or other body of water in the town, or leave such carcass or animal substance on the surface of the ground or insufficiently buried.

SECT. 50. No person shall cultivate, plan or plant any land within the limits of any public street or way in the town.

#### PENALTIES.

SECT. 51. Any person violating any of the provisions of the preceding By-laws shall be punished by a fine of not less than one nor more than twenty dollars for each offence, to be recovered by complaint before the District Court of Northern Norfolk, and forfeited and paid into the treasury of the town, unless when different provision is made by the laws of the Commonwealth.

#### ENACTMENT AND REPEAL.

SECT. 52. These By-laws shall take effect upon their approval by the Superior Court or, in vacation, by a justice of said court, and shall with such approval be entered and recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Courts in the County of Norfolk, as provided by law.

SECT. 53. All By-laws heretofore made by the Town of Medfield are hereby repealed.

WILLARD HARWOOD.  
JAMES HEWINS.  
HENRY M. PARKER.

# STATEMENT OF THE MEDFIELD WATER COMPANY

FROM JAN. 1, 1898, TO JAN. 1, 1899.

TO THE SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF MEDFIELD:

Capital, . . . . .	<u>\$50,000.00</u>
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## CASH RECEIPTS.

Water rates, . . . . .	\$96.08
Service-pipe, . . . . .	3.50
	<u>\$99.58</u>

## CASH DISBURSEMENTS.

Maintenance, labor, and sundries, . . . . .	\$162.88
Service-pipe, labor, and material, . . . . .	6.49
	<u>\$169.37</u>

## ASSETS.

Construction of plant, . . . . .	\$24,040.45
Unpaid water rates, . . . . .	1,882.72
Cash on hand, . . . . .	621.43
	<u>\$26,544.60</u>

## LIABILITIES.

Capital stock issued, . . . . .	<u>\$24,000.00</u>
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H. M. PARKER,  
*Treasurer.*

MEDFIELD, MASS., Jan. 1, 1898.





